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IS
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DEDICATED

PREFACE

THE following sketch of Bishop John Selwyn has appeared to me more and more inadequate in proportion as, in the course of writing it, I have been privileged to become more and more familiar with the beauties of his life and character.

Such as it is, I lay it before those who knew and loved him well, and beg them to pardon its deficiencies.

The members of the Bishop's family were urgent that the book should be short. With this desire I fully sympathise, but it has in some measure added to my difficulties.

Before the work was undertaken another hand had begun to write a history of the Melanesian Mission. I undertook to trespass as little as possible upon this ground. Those, therefore, who desire to read chiefly of mission work must await the publication of that history.

I wish to give warm thanks to those who have so greatly helped me. Chief of these are the members of the Selwyn family, who will not desire a special mention of their names. Besides these I am deeply grateful to Mrs. à Court-Repington, Mrs. Long Innes, Mrs. Balston, the Lord Bishop of Newcastle, the Rev. Dr. Codrington, the Rev. John Still, the Rev. F. E. Waters, the Rev. the Provost of Eton, the Rev. C. Abraham, the Rev. O. Mordaunt, the Rev. Professor Stanton, the Rev. A. Penny, the Rev. J. O. F. Murray, Robert Kinglake, Esq., Richard Durnford, Esq., and Charles Bill, Esq., M.P.